

In the Claims

1-29. Cancelled

30. (Previously presented) An assembly adapted to secure to a support surface of a snowboard that is adapted to support a rider wearing a boot, comprising:

(A) a base member adapted to affix to the support surface of the snowboard thereby to define a mounted state,

(1) said base member having a circular opening and a first latch bore formed therein and including a radially inwardly projecting flange;

(B) a disc-shaped coupling member rotatably disposed in the circular opening in said base member to define a nested state,

(1) said coupling member operative to engage said flange and having

(a) a second latch bore and

(b) a bottom surface adapted to confront the upper surface of the snowboard whereby a perimeter margin of said coupling member is secured between said flange and the snowboard when in the nested and mounted states;

(C) a latch associated with said base member and said coupling member and including a movable rod disposed in the first latch bore, said latch being

(1) operative in a locked state to lock said coupling member and said base member against relative rotation when said coupling member is in a primary position, the first and second latch bores positioned to co-axially align with one another when said base member

and said coupling member are in the primary position with said movable rod operative to extend into the second latch bore when in the locked state, and

(2) movable to an unlocked state thereby to permit relative rotation between said coupling member and said base member to a secondary position, and wherein

(a) the first latch bore has a first portion of a first diameter and first length located adjacent to said coupling member and a second portion of a second diameter that is less than the first diameter and a second length, said rod including an enlarged head portion disposed in the first portion and a shaft portion disposed in the second portion, the second latch bore sized and adapted to receive at least part of said head portion when in the locked state with at least some of said shaft portion projecting outwardly of the second portion of the first latch bore such that it may be grasped by the rider's hand; and

(D) a binding adapted to be mounted to said coupling member and operative to receive a boot of the rider.

31. (Previously presented) An assembly according to claim 30 including a spring element disposed in the first portion of said first latch bore and operative to bias said head toward the locked state.

32. (Previously presented) A mount adapted to secure to a support surface of a snowboard that is adapted to support a rider wearing a boot and mount a binding for said boot, comprising:

(A) a base member adapted to affix to the support surface of the snowboard thereby to define a mounted state,

(1) said base member having a circular opening and a first latch bore formed therein and including a radially inwardly projecting flange;

(B) a disc-shaped coupling member rotatably disposed in the circular opening in said base member to define a nested state,

(1) said coupling member including an outwardly projecting lip operative to engage said flange and having

(a) a second latch bore,

(b) a bottom surface adapted to confront the upper surface of the snowboard whereby said lip is located between said flange and the snowboard in the nested and mounted states, and

(c) a plurality of openings adapted to receive fasteners for securing the binding thereto;

(C) a latch associated with said base member and said coupling member and including a movable rod disposed in the first latch bore, said latch being

(1) operative in a locked state to lock said coupling member and said base member against relative rotation when said coupling member is in a primary position, the first and second latch bores positioned to coaxially align with one another when said base member and said coupling member are in the primary position with said

movable rod operative to extend into the second latch bore when in the locked state,

(2) movable to an unlocked state thereby to permit relative rotation between said coupling member and said base member and wherein

(a) the first latch bore has a first portion of a first diameter and first length located adjacent to said coupling member and a second portion of a second diameter that is less than the first diameter and a second length, said rod including an enlarged head portion disposed in the first portion and a shaft portion disposed in the second portion, the second latch bore sized and adapted to receive at least part of said head portion when in the locked state with at least some of said shaft portion projecting outwardly of the second portion of the first latch bore such that it may be grasped by the rider's hand.

33. (Previously presented) A mount according to claim 32 including a spring element disposed in the first portion of said first latch bore and operative to bias said head toward the locked state.

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